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so far as it can be by documentary evidence. Mrs. Ferris's letters are off-hand sketches, drawn from the life, as graceful as their subjects will suffer them to be, and often rising into the eloquence of a modest matron's burning indignation at the wrongs, outrages, and woes inflicted, less by superstition than by foul hypocrisy, upon her own sex.

11.—1. *Poems.* By CHARLES KINGSLEY. Boston: Ticknor and Fields. 1856. 16mo. pp. 284.
2. *The Heroes: or, Greek Fairy Tales for my Children.* By CHARLES KINGSLEY. Boston: Ticknor and Fields. 1856. 24mo. pp. 320.

THE chief of these poems is "The Saint's Tragedy," founded on the piety, sacrifices, and sufferings of St. Elizabeth of Thuringia, and running, for the most part, closely parallel with the monkish chronicles of which she is the heroine. It abounds in passages of striking beauty, and, while there is but little room for the invention of character or incident, great skill and pure taste are manifested in the translation of narrow Romish sentiment into the language of universal Christian consciousness.

The mythological tales, written, as the author says, for his own children, are told in an easy and attractive style, denuded of whatever might be of a corrupting or doubtful tendency, and so adapted to the easy comprehension of young persons, that they might render the leading names and incidents of Grecian fable familiar, at as early an age as a child is likely to encounter the names, or to see or hear allusions made to the incidents.

12.—*The West Church and its Ministers. Fiftieth Anniversary of the Ordination of Charles Lowell, D. D.* Boston: Crosby, Nichols, & Co. 1856. 12mo. pp. 242.

ON the 1st of January, 1806, Rev. Charles Lowell was ordained pastor (fourth of the series) of the West Church in Boston. It would be hard to say, (and in this community there is no need of saying,) how impressive he was in discourse, how fervent in the public offices of devotion, how incessant in pastoral service, how weighty in counsel, how tender in the ministries of consolation, how near to the hearts of his entire congregation, till infirmity compelled him to withdraw from active duty; and what sentiments of profoundest reverence and love followed him to his retirement, and have been transmitted to a rising gen-